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Expansion of Loksa Harbour and Shipyard

- "The repairs shipyard at Loksa, a little port on the Finnish Gulf, about 60 km east of Tallin, is being substantially enlarged during 1953. On 1 May 52 it had 500 workers. By the autumn of 1952 construction of new quarters for 200 new workers was finished. They were scheduled to arrive early in 1953. In spring 1953 the enlargement and deepening of the harbour was started; the entrance to the harbour had been deepened to four meters by 1 Jun 53. The deepening of other parts of the harbour is continuing.

Now equipment and machinery has been obtained from the Soviet Zone of Germany. Starting in 1954 it is proposed to conduct the repairs of the civilian shipping of the Estonian SSR almost exclusively at Loksa.

Fuel Oil Depot

- "In the forest, 100 meters southeast of the Northern Pier (Pohja Muul) at Loksa, three semi-subterranean reservoirs for liquid fuel have been built. The capacity of each is 500 tons. Six pipelines are laid from the reservoirs to the Northern Pier. Since 15 May 53 the motor torpedo boats and patrol boats of the Red Baltic Fleet have refueled there.

Naval Air Squadron

- "Since 15 May 53 a squadron of naval pilots of the MVD (Otdelnaia Eskadrilia Morskikh Letchikov MVD) has been stationed at Loksa. The squadron has six flying boats of the type MDR-6. The squadron performs coastguard service in the Finnish Gulf. The airmen are also called coastguard pilots."

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